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SUBJ: NEW BULGARIAN MINISTER OF INTERIOR NAMED

1. PRESS APRIL 8 REPORTED REPLACEMENT OF ANGEL
TSANEV AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND HIS APPOINTMENT
AS DEPUTY CHAIRMAN STATE COMMITTEE FOR DEFENSE.
NEW MINISTER OF INTERIOR IS DIMITUR IVANOV STOYANOV,
PARTY FIRST SECRETARY IN VELIKO TURNOVO SINCE 1971.
STOYANOV, 44 YEARS OLD, HAS KOMSOMOL- PARTY BACKGROUND
WITHOUT PREVIOUS SECURITY EXPERIENCE.

2. COMMENT: IN WHAT SEEMS A DEMOTION, TSANEV NAMED TO A
COMMITTEE WHOSE MEMBERSHIP OR EVEN EXISTENCE HAS NEVER BEEN
MADE PUBLIC HERTOFORE. TODOR ZHIVKOV BELIEVED BE COMMITTEE
CHAIRMAN. STOYANOV IS MOST RECENT AND MOST IMPORTANT
EXAMPLE OF ADVANCEMENT TO MINISTERIAL
RANK OF MEN TOO YOUNG TO HAVE BEEN PARTISANS
LIKE PRESENT LEADERSHIP BUT WHOSE FATHERS WERE PARTISANS.
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